GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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MINING IN UNSAFE COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a): whether the coal mining work had to be stopped at several coal mines due to caving in of land during the last ten years;

(b): if so, the details thereof, State-wise, location- wise;;

(c): the details of loss of life and property due to this during the said period, State-wise;

(d): the number of mines declared unsafe due to excessive extraction and where from the illegal mining of coal has taken place, State-wise; and

(e): the steps taken by the Government to check the illegal mining and safety measures taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 404 for 21.08.2001 regarding Miningin Unsafe Coal Mines.

(a) The mining work had to be suspended/stopped at four mines in Coal India Limited during the last ten years due to caving in of land. These are Madhusudanpur and Jhanjhra mines of ECL and Ena & East Bhuggatdih mines of BCCL.

(b) State-wise, location-wise details are as under:-

ECL (West Bengal)

Madhusudanpur- Production was suspended for about 42 days in 1992 due to subsidence near Madhusudanpur village. The mine is now operating.

Jhanjhra: There was a pot-hole due to which production in Longwall face was suspended for a few days in May, 1996. The mine is now working.

BCCL: (Jharkhand)

ENA − Mining operation was stopped in X,VII& VIII seams through 4 & 5 pits due to subsidence near No. 2 colony of ENA colliery in September, 1992.

East Bhuggatdih:

(i) Mining operation was stopped in XI/XII seamthrough No. 10 pit & new incline and in X seam through No. 9 pit due to subsidence near Katras More, Jharia town in March, 1996.

(ii) Mining operation was stopped in VII/VIII seam through No. 5pit due to subsidence near Katras More, Jhariatown in October, 1997.

(iii) Mining operation was stopped in X seam throughNo. 10 pit due to subsidence at Khas Jharia basti near Jharia town in October, 2000.

(c) The details of loss of life and property is as under:

ECL: There was no loss of life and property due to this during the said period.

BCCL: There was no loss of life in any of these two mines. However, one side discharge loader was trapped and could not be recovered in XI/XII seam in the caving/subsidence in March, 1996 & one 200 HP pump motor, switchgear and complete delivery pipe range got buried in the subsidence in October, 2000.

(d) No mine in CIL has been declared unsafe due to excessive extraction and illegal mining.

(e) The following steps are being taken to check illegal mining:-

- Dozing and filling up the illegal mining site
- Checking/raids by security/CISF personnel. Such raids are also conducted by police.
- Lodging of FIR.
- Collection of intelligence report.
- Round the clock patrolling by security personnel/CISF
- Close liaison with district administration and state authorities seeking their help and co-operation in curbing illegal mining.
- Black listing the trucks seized carrying illegal mining coal.
- Illegally mined coal and implements seized are handed over to local police.